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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner	Art Unit
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 July 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-12 and 14 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 13 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 6/13/2005 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. In the claims the phrase "a combination of movements" however the specification does not include an adequate written description to determine the metes and bounds of such a phrase. Therefore, the examiner is taking the phrase "a combination of movements" as a broad term that includes back and forth motion.

Specification

The amendment filed 12/13/2004 is objected to under 35 U.S.C. 132(a) because it introduces new matter into the disclosure. 35 U.S.C. 132(a) states that no amendment shall introduce new matter into the disclosure of the invention. The added material which is not supported by the original disclosure is as follows: "combination of movements" as set forth in claim 1.

Applicant is required to cancel the new matter in the reply to this Office Action.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 4, 6-12, and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Bakunin et al(3,504,665). A curved portion includes element –28- is an exciter that is inserted into the vagina and element -32- that is a clitoral stimulator. Shafts 27- and –61- are substantially straight portions. The mechanical means are set forth in the handle shown in Figures 1 and 4. The mechanical means imparts oscillation

to elements -28- and -32-. The examiner is taking oscillation as the combination of movement in at least two directions, back and forth, see claim 6 below.

Claim 6 – Bakunin teaches vibrating which by definition imparts an oscillating motion. The examiner is taking oscillating motion as a back and forth movement.

Webster's, Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary , 1983, page 1313.

Claim 10 – element -40- is a cup.

Claim 11 – element -45- is a cup and includes textured elements -47-.

Claim 12 – the examiner is taking oscillation as vibration.

Claim 14 – the motion taught is "back-and-forth".

Claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Bates et al. (2,957,474).

Bates et al teaches a " j" shape as shown in figure 7. The device imparts extending motion, figure 1, the examiner is taking the extending motion to be arcuate. The device also vibrates, causing back and forth motion as described above. If back-and-forth motion is not a combination of movements the device is capable of vibrating and extending as shown above and the examiner is taking extending and vibrating as a combination of movements. The device of Bates vibrates, which includes by definition back and forth motion, it is the examiner's position that back and forth motion is a combination of movements.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bakunin et al (3,504,665) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Tsai (6,190,307).

Bakunin et al teaches a stimulation device as claimed which imparts oscillating motion to the stimulation device. A circular motion is not taught. Tsai teaches a stimulation device having both internal and external stimulation components which can be driven in a circular motion, applicant's attention is invited to figure 5 and the related written description. In the absence of showing any criticality in the type of motion selected for stimulation it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to select any known type of motion as an ordinary design expedient. In this case it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill to use the circular rotation taught by Tsai in place of the oscillating motion taught by Bakunin et al.

Response to Arguments

The applicant argues that Bates does not teach a sexual aid device for insertion into a vagina or an anus having a mechanical means for causing a combination of movements to the curved portion as specifically recited in amended claim 1. It is the

examiner's position that the device of Bates is capable of performing the recited functional language. The examiner would like to point out that the claims as set forth by the applicant includes insertion into the anus, insertion into the anus is specifically set forth in Bates

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 13 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art does not teach a plurality of buttons connected to means performing the recited functions.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. US Patent 6,758,826 teaches a related vibrating device.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Samuel G. Gilbert whose telephone number is 571-272-4725. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 6:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eleni Mantis-Mercader can be reached on 571-272-4740. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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